

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11- 468

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: IMMUNISATION

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Senator Fievranti-Wells asked:

Can you explain the program expense drop at page 100 of the Portfolio Budget Statements from \$74 million to \$46 million and continuing at \$46 million in the forward estimates?

Answer:

In 2010-11 the total of \$74.7 million reflects the value of purchases by the Commonwealth of seasonal influenza vaccine under contracts which operated in 2010-11. New contracts are not yet in place for the purchase of seasonal influenza vaccine by the Commonwealth in 2011-12 and the outyears for some eligible cohorts and this is reflected in the drop from \$74.7 million to \$46.5 million. The estimates will be adjusted up at Additional Estimates when these contracts are expected to be in place.